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REMARKS

1. A convoy of 20 to 30 trucks was seen moving along Friedrich Ebertstrasse toward Cottbus (N 52/A 57) airfield on 12 October. The convoy came from the direction of Cuben or Frankfurt/Oder and included 15 trucks
2. A column of 7 large and 2 small amphibious vehicles and trucks occupied by about 100 engineer troops, was seen entering the numerous Kaserne in Naumburg (N 52/J 89) on 17 October. (2) Ten radio trucks, entered the Barbara Kaserne on 18 October. (3) The Schwarzes Ross hotel was partly occupied on the same day, with sedans standing in front of the hotel. (4) Military vehicles were seen in the streets of the city.
3. An engineer unit with about 30 motor vehicles carrying troops, pontoons, and bridge-building equipment left the engineer training camp at Bad Koesen on 17 October, apparently moving to Buchenwald. The vehicles
- (5) Another engineer unit was entrained at Bad Koesen at about 4:15 p.m. on the same day. The train consisted of about 60 cars carrying troops, heavy bridge-building equipment, power pile drivers, 4 trucks with hoisting gear, and trucks. The train departed toward Naumburg.
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4. Two trains, which passed through the Weissenfels (N 52/J 99) railroad station toward Naumburg on 17 October, carried heavy AA guns, numerous women in civilian clothes, and vehicles. Two other trains carrying heavy tanks passed through Naumburg at 4 p.m. on 18 October, coming from the direction of Weimar and proceeding toward Halle.
5. No field exercises of Soviet troops were noticed at the Cranienbaum-Dessau-Aken area
- Comments.
- (1) Vehicles of the 71st Mecz Regt of the 9th Mecz Div, which is carried in the Dissenchen Kaserne on the eastern edge of Cottbus.

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- (2) Trucks of the 89th Gds Sig Bn and rear services of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. According to previous information, it is believed that components of the unidentified engineer battalion of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, which is carried in the Hubertus Kaserne on Flemminger Weg, returned to the installation [redacted] components of the battalion were still at Bad Koesen on 2 October 1951. [redacted]
- (3) [redacted] on the arrival of an advance party in the Barbara Kaserne on 12 October 1951, and the present report indicate that components of the 27th Gds Sig Bn of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps returned to the installation. The radio vehicles mentioned in the present report belonged to this battalion. [redacted]
- (4) The Schwarzes Ross hotel previously served as an officers' billet. The sedan belongs to the Hq XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps.
- (5) The vehicles belong to the 19th Indep Gds Engr Bn or an engineer regiment [redacted] of the Eighth Gds Army, which has not been identified in Weimar to date, being carried in the former concentration camp of Buchenwald. [redacted]
- (6) [redacted] components of the unidentified Gds engineer battalion of the 21st Gds Mecz Div were entrained. The direction of movement of the train is indicative of the Halle military post. The second truck [redacted] belongs to the 38th AT Arty Brig, but is doubted in this connection.

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